

## **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE







## MAGICAL KENYA TRAVEL EXPO (MKTE) 2025

THEME: Magical Kenya: Unlocking Africa's Potential Through Sustainable Tourism Growth

## EVENT PROGRAM THURSDAY, 02 OCTOBER 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
0900 - 1230	Official Opening Ceremony: MKTE and ATIF	Seminar Room @ UHURU GARDENS NATIONAL MONUMENT & MUSEUM
1230 - 1330 1330 -1430	LUNCH BREAK  Ministerial Roundtable: Accelerating Cross-Border Tourism Policy Reforms Under AfCFTA	<ul> <li>VIP LOUNGE</li> <li>High-level discussion on practical measures:</li> <li>1. To fast-track visa openness (e-visas, visa-free corridors),</li> <li>2. Implement SAATM priority routes to link key tourism markets</li> <li>3. Harmonize quality and service standards across member states</li> </ul>
1430 - 1530	Panel 1: Investment Opportunities: Gateway to Africa	<ul> <li>Present bankable projects, discuss de-risking, and apply agreed selection criteria. Criteria include:</li> <li>1. Alignment with Kenya's national tourism strategy and AfCFTA priorities,</li> <li>2. Clear demand and market viability,</li> <li>3. Demonstrated ESG compliance and community benefits,</li> <li>4. Financial readiness with feasibility studies or prefeasibility,</li> <li>5. Scalability and potential for regional spillover impact.</li> </ul>
1530 - 1600 1600 - 1700	Panel 2: Intra- African Collaboration in Tourism Under AfCFTA	Hosted tables for women & youth entrepreneurs. In-depth exploration of strategies to co-create, package, and market multi-country itineraries that leverage Africa's diverse cultural, natural, and creative assets.  Topics include aligning marketing calendars, integrating transport and accommodation logistics, adopting shared booking platforms, and embedding local creative industries into tourism products.
1700-1800	GUESTS MOVE TO THE DINNER VENUE	TBC
1800-1900	NETWORKING COCKTAIL	Deal-making focus with investors and operators.
1900 - 2000	Case Study Presentation: African Tourism Success Stories	n Examples from IATF, Let's Travel Russia Forum, other cross-border initiatives.
2000 - 2100	Conversation on Sustainable Tourism and Investment Models	Comprehensive discussion on embedding ESG principles, enhancing climate resilience, and maximizing community benefits in tourism investments.  Topics include green building certifications, carbon offset programs, integrating conservation financing, and local supplier engagement.
	Closing Remarks & Wrap-Up	Summary of key takeaways, call to action, communique signing.

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